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I-17 widening north of Loop 101 set to begin early 2008

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The first of two widening projects to double the number of lanes on Interstate 17 north of Loop 101 in the North Valley is set to begin in early 2008, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

The project, which will add a new general-purpose lane and a carpool lane in each direction on I-17 from Loop 101 to Jomax Road, is expected to begin by early spring.

On Dec. 21, the State Transportation Board awarded a \$67.8 million contract to Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. of Phoenix to construct the 4.5-mile widening project. The contract also includes the reconstruction of the existing interchange at Deer Valley Road to improve traffic flow and accommodate the new lanes on I-17.

A second widening project, which will also add two lanes in each direction from Jomax Road to Carefree Highway, is expected to begin spring 2008. This project will include a new interchange at Lone Mountain Road, which will serve as a temporary connection between I-17 and Loop 303 when it is extended to I-17 in 2011. A separate project to construct a new interchange at Dove Valley Parkway is scheduled to begin fall 2008 to coincide with the widening project.

The two I-17 widening projects to Carefree Highway are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2009. A third widening project from Carefree Highway to Anthem Way, which will add a general-purpose lane in each direction, is scheduled to begin in 2009 and be completed in 2010.

This scheduled work is in addition to ongoing interchange projects on I-17 that are currently under

construction, including new interchanges at Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive and reconstruction of the traffic interchange at Carefree Highway. These projects are on schedule to be completed in 2008.

The improvement projects on I-17 are included in the voter-approved Regional Transportation Plan, a comprehensive program of Valleywide transportation improvements through 2025.

As with the current projects, ADOT says it plans to keep two lanes of traffic open in each direction during peak travel periods and schedule any temporary freeway closures during overnight hours. Drivers can visit ADOT's Interstate 17 North Web page at www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways for the times and locations of planned restrictions and closures on I-17, and to sign up for ADOT's I-17 weekly e-mail traffic alert.

For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055 or projectupdate@lewin-associates.com.

For a complete listing of freeway and highway restrictions across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.com or call 5-1-1.

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